

Washington, DC -Thursday, Congressman Harry Teague announced that the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program is now accepting applications.

Fire departments can use these competitively awarded grants to improve the effectiveness of firefighting and emergency response operations and to improve firefighter health and safety programs.

"In many small and rural communities, fire departments are first responders. This funding can help them better protect lives and property," said Congressman Harry Teague. "I encourage fire departments throughout southern New Mexico to apply for these FEMA grants."

The application period is open through May 20, 2009.

For more information and to apply for a FEMA Fire Grant, visit:

<http://www.firegrantsupport.com/>

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